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BOERS WANT CECIL

Railroad Blew Up in an Effort to Intercept Rhodes.

25 OF THE LIGHT HORSE.

Made an Eight Hour Stand Against 400 Boers—Finally Had to Surrender—Were Stripped of Valuables and Released—Good Work of Kitchener's Fighting Scouts.

Cape Town, April 29.—A party of Boers blew up the railroad between Graspan and Belmont, Cape Colony, in three places April 27, apparently with the intention of intercepting a train carrying Cecil Rhodes. The damage done was slight and was quickly repaired.

Cape Town, April 29.—A dispatch has been received stating that twenty-five men of the Prince of Wales's light horse, kept 400 Boers at bay for eight hours at a place fifteen miles from Koonstad. Fourteen of the Boers were killed and several wounded. Ultimately the British were forced to surrender, but they did not capitulate until their ammunition was exhausted. None of the British was injured. After their surrender the Boers relieved them of their arms and whatever personal property struck their fancy and then released them.

London, April 29.—Lord Kitchener reports to the war office from Pretoria under date of April 28 as follows: "Kitchener's fighting scouts, under Grenfell, have surprised and captured Van Rensburg's laager, at Kilpdam, north of Pietersburg. Seven Boers were killed and thirty-seven taken prisoners. Eight thousand rounds of ammunition and all the wagons, carts, oxen, horses and mules were captured. Our only casualty was one wounded. "The other columns report three killed, fifty-eight taken prisoners, fifty-seven surrendered and one quick-firing captured."

COMMITTEE HEARINGS OVER.

Many Important Matters to Come Up for Decision.

Hartford, April 29.—Afternoon sessions of the house will not be at all unlikely within the next week or two. The chairman of the various committees have been called to meeting to consider this question in connection with the condition of business of the session on Tuesday next, to-morrow, and it may be decided to hold such afternoon sessions immediately.

Practically all of the committee hearings are now over and only one or two unimportant postponed matters remain on the calendar. These will be put out of the way this week, and there will then be a straight way course to the conclusion of the session. Committees have already begun to report rapidly and business will now be disposed of without delay to the end of the session. It now looks as if an early finish might be expected, but there are several matters which may delay things considerably. Debates in the house on the Connecticut Western and the Constitutional reform questions are looked for and either may take up several days time. There are also other important matters to come up for decision so that there can now be no definite statement of when the session is likely to end.

The last important bill to be reported is now in the hands of the tax commissioner. It is the private incorporation tax bill and it will aim at opening the gates of the state to new corporations. There is a meeting of the commission to-morrow, after which it will be possible to make some definite statement regarding the terms of the proposed measure and when it will be reported to the finance committee.

ROBBERS MAKE A HAUL.

While Fire They Started in Attic of Town Hall Was Burning.

Arlington, Mass., April 29.—Fire was discovered in the attic of the town hall early this morning and while the attention of the firemen and police was directed to the putting out of the blaze, robbers entered the office of the town clerk on the street floor of the building, forced open the safe and secured \$12,000. The fire caused a damage of about \$20,000. It is believed the fire was started by the robbers to assist them in their work.

BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—Frank Olson, cashier, and J. S. Stangroom, book-keeper of the defunct Scandinavian-American bank of New Whatcom, have been arrested on warrants charging them with receiving deposits after the failure of that institution. Olson was arrested here and Stangroom at New Whatcom. Stangroom is now exchange teller of a Seattle bank and lives here. Olson was formerly secretary of the board of public works here and a prominent politician and newspaper man. He says the arrests are the result of a mistake and that the receiver of the bank has acted hastily.

McKINLEY WILL GET IT.

Boston, April 29.—At a meeting of the board of annunciators of the Harvard university, held here to-day, the question of granting a degree of doctor of laws to President McKinley was taken up informally. The sentiment expressed was unanimously in favor of the step. The matter will be brought up for formal action just before the commencement in June.

A "CALL" MUST PAY TAX.

Washington, April 29.—The United States supreme court to-day decided in the case brought by ex-Congressman Stephen V. White of Brooklyn that a "call" as the word is used in the stock exchange is an agreement to sell and therefore subject to taxation at the rate of 2 cents per \$100, under the new revenue law.

PITTSBURG'S BIG FIRE.

Loss Will Be \$200,000—Eight People Said to Have Perished.

Pittsburg, April 29.—Fire which will result in the possible loss of \$200,000 started in a block on the north side of Carson street this afternoon and at 2 o'clock was still burning. It was reported that eight people employed in the building were burned to death. The blaze originated in the basement of the department store of George E. Lorch & Bro and spread with alarming rapidity all through the building. A dozen buildings in the block adjoining caught fire and were reduced to ashes. A panic ensued as building after building went up in flames.

CARRIE NATION FREE.

Permitted to Attend the Funeral of Her Brother.

Wichita, Kan., April 29.—It is said that the cases in this county against Mrs. Carrie Nation for the destruction of saloon property will be dropped. She was permitted to leave jail here yesterday on her own recognizance to attend the funeral of her brother at Louisburg, Kansas, after having spent a week in jail with three other women awaiting trial, which was to have come up next week. Now, it is generally believed, the cases will be dropped.

EXPORT TAX ON COAL.

Miners of the United Kingdom Still Protesting Against It.

London, April 29.—A representative delegation from the miners of the United Kingdom met the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, to-day and asked for the withdrawal of the export tax on coal. The chancellor, replying, controverted the suggestion that the tax would injure the export trade.

AMERICAN COTTON AFFECTED.

Tacoma, Wash., April 29.—The steamship Copack brings news that the shipments of raw cotton from the United States to the Orient will be greatly affected by Japanese purchases of Bombay cotton just made by the Cotton Springs union, embracing the largest cotton manufacturers of Japan. The agents have bought 250,000 bales to be shipped within the next few months. Of this quantity the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will carry 100,000 bales at 12 rupees a ton. Many manufacturers intended to mix Bombay with American cotton while others will use the former exclusively. It is held down in Japan cheaper than American cotton.

FLAX GROWTH A FAILURE.

St. Paul, Minn., April 29.—A special from Fargo, North Dakota says: Flax growers in the northwest have been alarmed over the diseased condition of the crop for a year or two and as a result of the investigations Prof. Rolley, of the North Dakota agriculture college has discovered that the flax plant is afflicted with a fungus or parasite growth, similar to smut on wheat. The worst feature is the discovery that the fungus remains in the soil for years. Investigations are now in progress to discover some method of eradicating the soil to eradicate the growth.

DOCTOR HAS BLOOD POISON.

New York, April 29.—Dr. Albert T. Weston, who has been a corner's physician for a number of years, is suffering from blood poisoning in the hospital, the result of cutting a finger while performing an autopsy in the morgue one day last week. He is in a very serious condition. The poison as at once squeezed out, till it as thought he would not suffer any after effects and the wound as dressed. On Saturday blood poisoning set in and the doctor went to the hospital. Dr. Weston is about 38 years old.

TALLO-HO DRIVER INJURED.

Philadelphia, April 29.—James E. Wedener, who was dangerously injured Saturday by the overturning of a tall-ho coach, is reported to-day by the physicians at the Hahnemann hospital to be much improved. He passed a quiet night and this morning his temperature was considerably lower. While his condition may still be regarded as critical, the chances for his recovery are good.

BURGLARS MAKE A HAUL.

New York, April 29.—Burglars entered the L. of the Morris hotel at Flushing, L. I., last night and carried off four thousand cigars, several bottles of wine and liquor and the contents of the cash register. It is not known how much money they secured.

TRANS-ATLANTIC SHIPPING.

London, April 29.—The first step in the direction of the consolidation of some of the biggest trans-Atlantic shipping interests has been accomplished by the purchase by J. Pierpont Morgan & Co of the Leyland line of steamers. A deposit on the purchase money has been paid.

SICIDE WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Gulfport, Conn., April 29.—Mrs. George E. Norton, who attempted to commit suicide last week by cutting her throat, died at her home here last night as a result of the self-inflicted wounds.

JACK THE RIPPER CAUGHT.

Ludwigshafen, (Baden), April 29.—The notorious Jack the Ripper, who has assaulted and mutilated eighteen women has been caught red handed by two detectives attired as women.

BARON SHUTE DEAD.

London, April 29.—Percy Barrington, eighth Viscount Barrington and Baron Shute, died to-day at Westbury Manor, Bucks. He was born in 1825.

CARPENTERS ARE OUT.

Winsted, April 29.—Fifty carpenters went on a strike to-day to enforce their demands of a shorter day and for \$2.25 a day pay.

BRAVE AND DARING FIREMEN

Risked Their Lives in a New York Fire.

Two Women Rescued in Time—Driven From the Stairways They Scaled the Fire Escapes—Women Were on Fifth Floor and Were Taken Out Just in Time, One of Them Unconscious.

New York, April 29.—With splendid daring, at the risk of their lives, two firemen went into the burning apartment house at No. 1712 Amsterdam avenue and rescued two old women from what appeared to be almost certain death. The firemen were Matthew J. Cummings and John Moclair of Hook and Ladder No. 23. The women rescued were Mrs. Elizabeth Niver, 85, and her sister, Mrs. Eliza Moore, 86 years of age. The fire was started by children on the top floor playing with matches.

Firemen Cummings and Moclair were told that the two women were in the building and they made desperate efforts to reach the fifth floor by the regular stairway, but flames rushed into the back, and the women were driven to the fifth floor of the next house and then over the fire escape to the front windows of 1712. Moclair waited outside and Cummings went in on hands and knees through the dense smoke. The crowd behind rushed up to the firemen to reappear. At length Moclair was seen to reach in and take somebody from Cummings. It was Mrs. Niver, who had been found unconscious in the kitchen. Moclair hurried with her to the street, while Cummings crawled back into the flames. Just as the captain of the company was ordering other men up to the rescue Cummings was seen to stagger to the window, carrying Mrs. Moore. She was taken to the hospital. Cummings was not far from it. The crowd cheered like mad when Cummings made his way to the street. He soon went back with his comrades and fought the fire.

Mrs. Moore was burned so severely that she had to be taken to the hospital. Her hands and face are blistered and she inhaled much flame. Her condition is serious on account of her extreme age. Mrs. Niver was painfully scorched.

CAILLES IS CAPTURED.

Filipino General Who Has Been Wanted for a Long Time.

Manila, April 29.—Captain Wilson Chase, with a detachment of the Twenty-first infantry, on April 26 surprised the camp of the insurgent general Cailles at Dugot-Dugot, situated nine miles northeast of Cavinti, in the province of Laguna. Cailles was at his camp at the time of the American attack, but managed to escape. Captain Chase's force captured his adjutant general, five other of his staff officers, fourteen men, twenty rifles, a large amount of ammunition and stores and all the papers and personal effects of the Filipino general.

The insurgent major, Velo, was killed during the engagement, as were Corporal McGill and Private Tipps, both belonging to Company A of the Twenty-first. Several columns of the American troops continue vigorously to pursue General Cailles. General Chase recently offered a reward of \$10,000 for the head of Captain Edward N. Jones, Jr. of the Eighth Infantry. For more than a year past Cailles has commanded the insurgent forces operating to the east of Bay Lake, not far from Manila. He is said to be a French half-caste. He has a reputation for vindictiveness and cruelty and is one of the two or three Filipino leaders still in the field who have clearly ignored the observances of honorable warfare.

The society of Mando-Ducats, whose practice it was to assassinate and bury alive those of their countrymen who accepted American sovereignty whenever the latter fell into their hands, operate with the cognizance. If not support of General Cailles. If Cailles were captured, it is doubtful if he could claim immunity for past actions under the terms of the amnesty. In January of this year Cailles offered a reward of \$10 apiece for the heads of all Americans brought to him.

MAY BE INSANE MAN.

Called to See President McKinley on Private Business.

Washington, April 29.—Harry Finkelstein, a well dressed man, about 34 years old, who says his home is in Cleveland, Ohio, is locked up at police station here on suspicion of being insane. Finkelstein went to the vicinity of the white house yesterday and said he wanted to see the president on urgent private business. He became rather excited when refused admission. Salt Lake, U., April 29.—Harry Finkelstein or Harry Stone as he was generally known, who was arrested in Washington yesterday for creating a disturbance at the white house is well known here, his mother being a resident of this city.

As a result of an accident which occurred some years ago Finkelstein has at times been mentally irresponsible. While in Ogden last year he became violently insane and attempted to kill two or three men. He was arrested and sent to the state insane asylum but was released last month.

PASTOR SCORES MARK TWAIN.

New Britain, April 29.—The Rev Dr. Hall addressed a large congregation yesterday at the First Congregational church upon the topic "Views of Mark Twain Upon Foreign Missions Work." Rev Dr. Hall in a vigorous sermon scored the distinguished humorist for his views and utterances upon this subject. Dr. Hall gave an interesting statement of the facts concerning the missions in China and paid an eloquent tribute to the zeal and devotion of the missionaries.

LOOKING FORWARD.

Nine Hours a Day Until September, After That Eight Hours.

In an interview with Joseph Sandford, the walking agent of the carpenters' union to-day he said that regarding the part arranged to be played by his fraternity in the threatened demand for an eight hour day by the building trades on May 1, the carpenters will take no part in it. "There is no such thing nowadays as ten hours a day or eight hours a day. A day is a day let be long or short, ten twelve or eight hours. We never allude to a day's work these times as the result of so many hours labor. The carpenters of the union have all but been granted what they requested, that is the minimum wage rate shall be \$2.50 a day, not for ten or eight hours work, but for a day's wages. With the exception of the Tracy Bros all the other contractors I may say have signed the agreement that such shall be the minimum rate. That we consider a big thing. From the first of May to the first of September that shall be the agreement upon which the union carpenters of this city and the contractors shall be bound by. The day shall constitute nine hours. After September the agreement shall be or rather our request shall be an eight hour work day at the same rate which has been agreed, \$2.50. The difference between the union and the Tracy Bros is over the scale of wages, but we are confident the Tracys will see the justice of our request. We were actually driven to this for the sake of protecting the small contractor who has been paying the scale right along and if they could afford to pay it there was no reason why the big contractors like Cummings for instance should not also be induced to pay it."

The mechanics in general appear to be sanguine that the machinists' request for a nine hour day beginning May 20 will be granted in all of the shops excepting one or two in the north end of the city. In one of these the men are organized but appear to be in different regarding the impending movement. A struggle is expected there. In the others the men are more thoroughly organized and discuss the nine hour movement more freely. If there is trouble it will be far reaching in its effects; some factories may be completely paralyzed for the time being.

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PREPARING FOR THE BOERS

British Have Leased One Island and Looking at Another.

High Iron Fence to Be Erected—Will Be Strong, Close and Sharp Pointed—People of the Island Displeased—They Fear Trouble from the Colored Troops that Are Expected Will Be Placed to Guard the Boers.

Hamilton, Bermuda, April 29.—There is considerable excitement at present in Bermuda over the expected arrival of 1,700 Boer prisoners. The British government has leased Darrell's Island, one of the largest islands in the sound and within a quarter of a mile of Warwick shore, for one year. Tucker's Island has also been inspected, but up to April 24 no definite settlement had been made in regard to it.

The army officials are, as usual, very reticent and nothing can be learned from them on the subject, but as the blacksmiths of the town have been sounded as to the advisability to construct several hundred yards of iron fence, very strong, close and with iron points, and as the plans which one or two have seen are said to be the outline of one of the islands, very little doubt is entertained as to the object in view by the government. It is claimed that had the island not been wanted for the prisoners, but for the several hundred British laborers who are going out to build the new swing bridge to connect the dockyard with the main land, no such iron fencing would have been required and the negotiations for Darrell's Island would have been made by the naval authorities, everything is being done by army officials.

Bermudians do not feel very comfortable about the matter. The island is still garrisoned by the colored regiment, the First West India, and their behavior is by no means calculated to inspire the confidence of the people. They are supposed to guard. It is hoped that a very strong force of European soldiers will be sent with the Boers, or matters may turn out to be as uncomfortable as they were recently at St. Helena.

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CLOTH FACTORIES BURNED.

Two Persons Perish in the Fire in Prussia.

Berlin, April 29.—A fire in Spremburg, Prussia, to-day destroyed the cloth factories of Bergmann and Pretsch, H. Pieschel and Sterik and Mittel. Two persons perished in the flames. The loss is placed at several million marks.

PRESIDENTIAL PARTY STARTS.

Washington, April 29.—President McKinley and party started on their long western trip this morning on schedule time. A large crowd cheered enthusiastically as the train pulled out of the depot.

CONSTITUTION ALL READY.

New York, April 29.—The cup defender Constitution will be launched at Bristol at half past eight o'clock in the evening of May 6. The unusual hour for launching is caused because of the tide service.

CITY NEWS.

The board of health will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The May devotions will open in the Catholic churches next Wednesday.

Arthur Webster was granted letters of administration to-day upon the estate of the late Mary Robinson.

Miss Lillian Hawkins of Meriden, who has been visiting Miss Margaret Mason of South Main street, has returned home.

The Waterbury Stationery store has disposed of stock and fixtures of store at 201 East Main street and everything will be closed out at a bargain.

All arrangements are completed for the big west party at City hall this evening. It is expected that at least 400 persons will sit down to the tables.

An adjourned meeting of the board of management of the Rescue Mission will be held to-night at 8 o'clock at the parlors of the Second Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ward, 108 Center avenue, will remove the body of their son, Ralph, to Brockport, N. Y., for burial Wednesday morning, May 1, on the 8:15 train, Highland division.

Mr. Anthony Carroll, 50, died at his late residence, 995 Bank street, at Hartford, and his wife, Mrs. Carroll, his wife and her six children, William, James, Catherine, Anthony, Mamie, Michael.

Rev. Father Bray of the Sacred Heart church is detained from performing his duties with illness. A professor from the diocesan seminary at Hartford assisted Rev. Father Shelley at the services yesterday.

Mrs. Ellen Elvy, wife of Charles Elvy of Winsted, and mother of Rev. Father Elvy of Greenwich, died yesterday at the family residence. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The family was well known in Waterbury and it is understood that quite a few residents of this place will attend the funeral.

James Riley of Scovell street was badly burned with molten lead at the Farrel Foundry & Machine Co.'s plant Saturday night. He picked up what he supposed to be an empty ladle, but which contained a quantity of molten metal which poured over his legs and feet. He was removed to his home, where Dr. Freney rendered medical aid.

The will of the late William Booth, who died April 15, was filed for probate this afternoon. All the estate is left to the widow, Mary, and testator's son, Franklin S., is named as executor. The other heirs are Lucy A. Parker and Emily King. The will was drawn up on March 12, 1894, and was signed by Edward L. Frisbie, Fred A. Spencer and Charles G. Gillette.

Mrs. Martha Granger and Mart Lowe were married at Brewster, N. Y., Friday last. They took this means of marrying because of objection on the part of Martha's parents to the union. They thought she was too young to marry yet. Friday evening Mr. Granger received a telegram from the couple informing him of the marriage. Until lately the Grangers lived at 60 West street. Now they live on Wood street. The bridegroom is employed by the United Gas Improvement company. "The happy pair" now board on North Main street near Spencer avenue.

A social gathering was held last evening at the home of Miss Margaret Roche of South Elm street. Quite a number were present and all enjoyed themselves. Among those who entertained during the evening were D. L. Lawler who acted as host and several other places. Mr. Cook also recited a selection entitled "The Bridgeport Girls."

"The Holy City" was beautifully rendered by a quartet consisting of the Misses Mamie Morgan, Belemma Demars, Gerald Desmond and Frank Spellman. Clarence McKay rendered "When the Harvest Days are Over." Josephine Dillon and Edward Donnelly also entertained those present. Lizzie Pierce did the cake walk to perfection. Refreshments were served during the evening.

President J. H. Freney presided at a largely attended meeting of the St. Joseph T. A. society yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Patrick's hall. John J. Fitzgerald was re-elected steward of the club. James H. Freney was given full power to complete the make-up of a baseball team to represent the society. Persons, not members of the society, may belong to the nine. The race between the Blues and Purples goes merrily along. The former are still ahead by 8, each side having brought in nineteen new members to whom the pledge was administered by Rev. Father McGuane who also made a few appropriate remarks. The entertainment committee reported all arrangements completed for the annual May festival which will be held at the City hall for four nights, commencing May 15. At the festival there will be two booths, representing the Blues and the Purples, at which temperance literature